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SABBATH SERVICES.

Sabbath School 9:30 A. M.
Church Services 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:45 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, (Wednesday,) 7:30 P. M.

Life is an arrow, therefore you must know
What mark to aim at, how to use the bow,
Then draw it to the head and let it go.

Rev. Henry VanDyke, D. D.

The pastor is arranging for a series of re-
vival meetings to be held during the month
of February. We want every member of the
Church to get ready for these services. The
pastor needs the co operation of the entire
Church. Let every member of the Church
pray for the success of these meetings.

God always answers prayers, but sometimes
he answers "no" and sometimes he answers
"yes."

The net receipts of the Woman's Aid and
Missionary Society for the past year were
\$470.14. This is an excellent showing for the
society. We hope the year of 1899 will be
equally as prosperous.

The men of the Church gave their annual
supper Monday evening, January 2d. The
supper was all right, and every person had a
pleasant, sociable time. The net receipts of
the supper amount to some over \$25.00

At the last meeting of the Ladies' Society
the following officers were elected for this
year: President, Mrs. Zartman; Vice-Presi-
dent, Mrs. Rudisill; Secretary, Miss Doerner;
Treasurer, Miss Felker. The executive com-
mittee is composed of Mesdames Close, Kess-
ler and Null. The next meeting will be held
February 3d.

The Cantata given by the Sabbath School
Monday evening, December 26th, was a suc-
cess in every particular. The children and
young people all did themselves full credit in
the rendering of their parts. It is very evi-
dent the people appreciate the entertainment
given by Grace Church judging from the
large attendance at these exercises.

January 1899

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."—Num. 23:10.

Mrs Harriet Neireiter, wife of Conrad Neireiter, residing at 269 West Washington St., departed this life Saturday morning, January 7th. She had been in failing health for nearly two years, but at times so far regained her health that the family and friends were hopeful that she might again fully recover, but the Lord had willed differently. During all of her illness she was cheerful and resigned, willing to go at any hour the Lord might call her. In her Christian life and character she had attained to a very high degree of perfection. She was kind, affectionate and amiable in disposition, and was unwearied in her devotions to the Lord. She was baptized in infancy and in early childhood consecrated herself to the Lord by making a public profession of faith, and in her after life she lived in daily communion with the Lord. She was a member of the St. John's Reformed Church, but her work for the Lord was not confined to her own church. She loved all who loved the Lord, and gave a helping hand wherever she could. She always manifested a very deep interest in the welfare and growth of Grace Church, and often assured us that her heart was with us in our work. For many years she was a member of the Ladies' Society of Grace Church, and always enjoyed mingling with our people. Many of the ministers of the Reformed Church will remember the kindness and hospitality of this good Christian mother and sister. Her home was always open to the servants of the Lord and she took special delight in entertaining them. She was kind and affectionate to all who came to her home and had the unbounded esteem and love of all who knew her. Her trust in the Lord was like that of a little child in its parent. Speaking of her resignation and faith in the Lord, she said she had placed herself in the care of her Saviour and

trusted him like a babe in its mother's arms.

She had no fear of death, nor any desire to live beyond the limit allotted to her by the Lord. When death came she passed away as calmly and peacefully as one who lies down to quiet and peaceful slumbers. Mrs. Neireiter was born in Koenigsburg, Germany, March 5th, 1831. She was aged at her death 64 years, 10 months and 2 days. She came to the United States in 1845 and with her father's family located in Allen County, near the city of Fort Wayne. She was united in marriage to Conrad Neireiter Sept. 27th, 1852. This marriage union was blessed with two sons and four daughters. The two sons and one daughter preceded the mother to the Heavenly Home. The husband and three daughters one sister and brother remain to mourn her death. The daughters living are Mrs. Rev. C. M. Schaaf of Prospect, O., Mrs. A. C. Katt and Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer, residing in the city and members of the Grace Reformed Church. The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, January 11th, at the home. Brief addresses were made by her pastor, Rev. John Bosh, and the pastor of Grace Church. After the services the body was laid away in the vault in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest,
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast.
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best.
Good-night!

Calm is thy slumber as an infant's sleep,
But thou shalt wake no more to toil and weep;
Thine is a perfect rest, secure and deep.
Good-night!

Until the shadows from this earth are cast,
Until He gathers in His sheaves at last,
Until the twilight's gloom be over, past,
Good-night!

Only "Good-night," beloved, not "farewell!"
A little while and all His saints shall dwell
In hallowed union indivisible.
Good-night!

The social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Close was a decided success. The evening was spent very enjoyably by all. At this time the various sections of the Church made reports of the money earned during the year. The total amount was one hundred and fifty dollars. This, however, includes the twenty-six dollars made by the young people which had already been turned over to the Financial Secretary.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting Monday morning, January 2d, the following persons were elected to office: Elders for full term of two years, Geo. Hesser and Samuel Wertman. Deacons, full term of two years, Edward Challenger and Daniel Null. Financial Secretary, C. H. Gumper; Treasurer, Edward Challenger. Sabbath morning, Jan. 8th, the newly elected elders and deacons were ordained and installed into office.

GETTING READY FOR A REVIVAL.

The pastor is arranging for a series of evangelistic services during the month of February. He is glad to find that a large number of the members of the Church are willing to join in this work. At a regular meeting of the consistory the pastor was instructed to call to his help one or more of our ministers to assist during these special services. We hope to be able to announce to the Church very soon just when these meetings will be held and who of our pastors will assist us. Let it be remembered, however, that with all the help we might call to our assistance there is a work which the Church must do, and without this work there can be no revival. The Church must prepare the way or the Holy Spirit will not be poured out upon us, and the Church will not be revived. John the Baptist came preaching repentance to the people, saying, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Pre-

pare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." The kingdom of heaven may truly be at hand, but it will not come in mighty power into the hearts of the people unless the Church is ready. The mighty Saviour stood by the tomb of Lazarus, but he did not call for the dead to come forth until the stone had first been removed from the door of the sepulchre. The quickening of a church will not take place until the stones of stumbling are removed, and the crooked paths made straight and the rough places made smooth. We may feel the need of a revival, and we may wish that the Lord might come among us in mighty power, but He will not come into the Church and into our hearts if we do not open the door and prepare the way for Him. The Lord's people, famished and athirst, may cry out, "Lord, wilt Thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice," but this cry of the Church will never be answered unless the people shall first get right with God. In second Chronicles 7:14 we have these significant words of the Lord: "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Here are the conditions upon which the Lord will have mercy upon His people and heal their land. 1st. If my people will humble themselves 2d. And pray. 3d. And seek my face—seek the Lord. 4th. And turn from their wicked ways—repent, turn away from sin. Then will the Lord hear the prayer of His people and forgive, and heal, revive and bless. Let us think upon these words of the Lord, and let us act upon them. Prepare ye the way, then the Lord will come. One word more: Let us consecrate heart and time to the Lord, and let us speak to our friends and neighbors who are out of Christ, and bring them to our services. These are things that we must do if we want a revival and if we want to see the salvation of souls.

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REV. A. K. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher.

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Miss Ida Mast was a guest at the parsonage recently.

Mrs. Archer was quite ill for several weeks with an attack of quinsy.

Mrs. Hessert had the pleasure of entertaining her father over Christmas.

Miss Edith Hobson is ill at present. We hope very much that she may soon be well.

Maud and Ralph Challenger, who were ill with scarlet fever for several weeks, are quite well again.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Heite and baby son Harold, of Thurston, Ohio, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Soliday.

Miss Lizzie and Mr. William Rudisil spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Paulus. They report a very pleasant visit.

Mrs. John Beighler, who has been quite ill for a month past is very much better, and it is hoped she may soon fully recover from her sickness.

Mrs. F. D. Paulus, of Columbia City, spent several days with friends in the city. We were glad to see her at church again and at the men's supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stephan have moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. We are very sorry to have these friends leave the city, but hope they may find their new home a pleasant one.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Grisso, of Springfield, Ohio, spent an afternoon at the parsonage recently. The members of Grace Church will remember Mrs. Grisso as Miss Alice Vordermark. We were very glad to talk to these friends again.

Mr. Edward White, of White's Fruit House, presented Mr. Zartman with two boxes of Scotch short bread as a New Year's gift. Many thanks.

Miss Sybil Niedhammer has been suffering with an attack of pleurisy, but we are glad to hear that she is almost well again. Miss Lyda was in the house for a week with a severe sore throat.

Mrs. Zartman received as a Christmas present a very beautiful china fruit dish from the Young Men's Choir. She is very much pleased with the gift, as well as the kind feeling shown by the boys in presenting it to her.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Tarmon of East Wayne street is suffering from nervous prostration. We hope she may soon recover.

The pastor's study has been supplied with calendars by the J. F. Schell Loan and Investment Co.

Frank Hills is ill with a severe attack of LaGrippe.

The Anderson Tea Store donated the coffee for the Men's Supper Monday, Jan. 20. The coffee was fine. When you want good Coffees, Teas, etc., go to Anderson's, in the Arcade, on West Berry street.

THE VALUE OF CHRISTIANITY.

William E. Gladstone says: "Take a human being and make an accomplished man in natural philosophy, in mathematics, as a merchant, as a lawyer, or as a physician, and conceal from him a knowledge and power of the Christian faith, and he would go forth into the world poor and miserable and blind and naked."

This valuable testimony is the natural fruitage of his faith in the Man of Galilee. He says, "All I think, all I hope, all I write, all I live for, is based upon the divinity of Jesus Christ, the central joy of my poor, wayward life."

SUNDAY SCHOOL ITEMS.

The special Christmas offerings of the Sabbath School and Church amounted to about \$40 00.

A great many of the children in the Sabbath School have been sick during the past few weeks, and we have missed them from the school.

The new Sunday School Secretary, Clark Bitner, has an assistant—the old Secretary, Walter Close. We find that one Secretary cannot attend to all the work during the Sunday School.

The pastor's Catechetical Class meets every Sabbath morning, at nine o'clock. This is just a half hour before the Sabbath School opens. There should be a large number of children in the Catechetical Class.

We are glad to see so many of our old Sabbath School scholars who had been away from the school for several months before the holidays, back again. We hope they will remain faithful through the whole year. The teachers must do all they can to hold the scholars.

The new scholars brought into the Sabbath School will receive very nice Certificates of Membership, giving the date of their enrollment, etc. The scholars securing the new scholars will also receive a similar certificate. Any scholar securing fifteen new scholars for the Sabbath School will receive a copy of a handsome book, entitled, "Christ in Art," as a prize. We hope to see a large number of scholars enrolled during the year.

The newly appointed Sabbath School officers are as follows: Superintendent, Rev. A. K. Zartman; Ass't Superintendent, Elder F. Berco; Secretary, Clark Bitner; Treasurer, Walter Close. Librarians, John Knight and Robert Neidhammer.

Falsehood may have its hour, but it has no future.—*de Pressence.*

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

Jan. 22—A Student's prayer. Ps. 19:1-14.
 Josephine Zartman.

Jan. 29—God's army, Acts 30:1-12. (Christian Endeavor Day.) Henry Hetrick.

Feb. 5—Idle in the market place. Matt. 20:1-16 William Walters.

Feb. 12—The Joy in Finding the Lord. Luke 15:1-10. Mrs. A. K. Zartmann.

Feb. 19—Palm Tree Christians. Ps. 92:1-15. E der Frank Bercot.

Feb. 26—A Missionary Church. Acts 13:1-12 Lizzie Rudisil.

THE PUNCH CARDS.

A new method of keeping the record of attendance in the Sabbath School has been introduced. A card is furnished for each scholar. On the card are two spaces for each Sabbath in the year, one for Sabbath School and the other for Church attendance. When the scholar is present the space is punched for Sabbath School or Church attendance, as the case may be. At the close of the year the cards will be given to the scholars, as a complete record of their attendance of the year. We hope that many of these cards will have every space punched both for Sabbath School and Church attendance.

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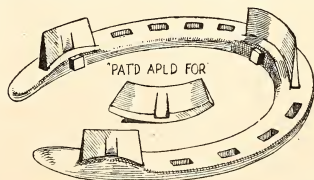
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